Good morning, Fujiwara senpai
G-good morning, Fuji-wara
Hehe
Good day to you
tight grip
WHY DID IT END UP LIKE THIS...

NOTES FROM THE GARDEN OF LILIES

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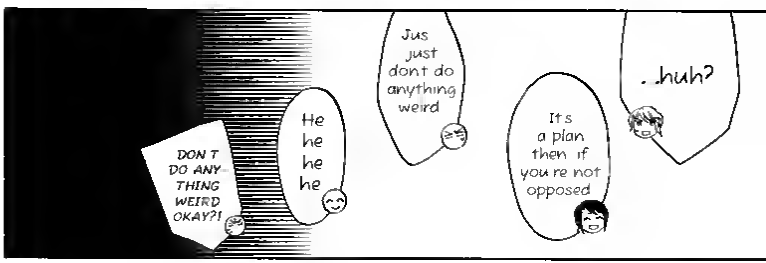
The day Fujiwara came over to my house.
So you don't draw any manga by yourself?
Huh
My dialogue always ends up sounding fake so it doesn't work.
All the stories are written by this Shinobu that you mentioned earlier, right?
Right, though I've tried to take her on many times.

Ah, so it's like that.
That's what Shinobu was saying, too
It's probably because I don't actually have that many conversations with people

Well then, I shall help you out.
FLAP


. .huh?
It's a plan then if you're not opposed
Jus just don't do anything weird
He he he he
DON'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD OKAY?!

SENSEI.
Swap
All right, open your textbooks at page 86
DING DONG
I forgot my textbook at home so may I work together with Kurashiki-san?
NO WE DON'T!
clank
And there we go
Oh, I don't mind
Thank you.

whisper
And how do you get this from that?!
This is part of my master plan of course.
Well then from page 86
I told you I'd help you out, didn't I?
What have you been playing at all morning?
WHAT AM I, A WILD ANIMAL ?!!
If everyone sees me talking with you they'll notice that you're not dangerous after all, right?
So you should try to play along as well
Is there a problem?
People are totally staring at us
And is it okay for you to be talking with me?

...
I'm free to make friends with anyone I like, aren't I?
You still shouldn't be doing so much to make us stand out...
playing dumb
Well then, what shall I do next...
HEY!

Let's split into groups and get to work.
COOKING PRACTICE
VEGETABLE STIR-FRY
SLUMP
It...
It's okay, Fujiwara-san is in the same group as well!
Let's stay positive!!
TURN
What should we do? We're in the same group with Kurashiki-san
Let's make sure she doesn't get her hands on the kitchen knife
WHISPER
WHISPER
Can we pull it off? Are we going to be okay

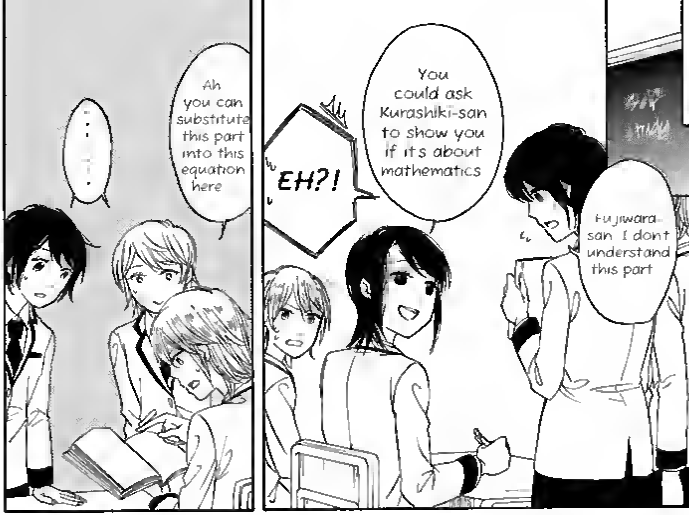
loop
tighten
fwip

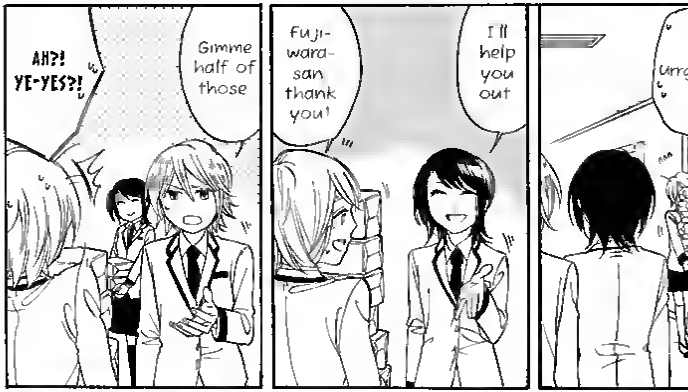
BAMMMM
?!!

IYAAN
IYAAN
What is it?
Wh-
wai
YOU?!!
What do you mean "what is it", what the hell are you doing?!
Hand over the knife!!
Eh? I'm doing fine though?
No, you definitely are NOT doing fine!!
What you ask....
I'm preparing ingredients, of course.
ARE YOU FUCKING KIDDING ME?!

This is how you do it
Oh my... You're pretty good aren't you
CHOP CHOP CHOP CHOP CHOP CHOP CHOP CHOP CHOP CHOP
I'm rather surprised, to be frank
RIGHT BACK AT YOU!!
What are you smiling at?
...
SLOP
SLOP
Geez
SIGH
Ah?
Oh?

Eh?!
Uh,
ye-
yes?!
I can't watch this!!
Tsk.
Hey, gimme that for a sec!
Don't any of them ever help out in the kitchen?
See, you hold the ingredient down like this.
And you don't just push with the knife but do it like this
You haven't chopped everything yet.
Ah?!
Wait, hold up!! Put in some oil first!!
Actually, don't even fry those yet!!
YE YES!
Got it?

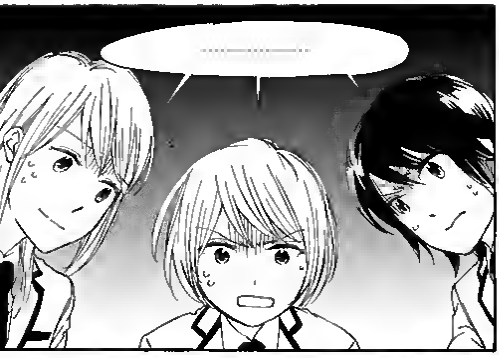

Ah you can substitute this part into this equation here
EH?!
You could ask Kurashiki-san to show you if it's about mathematics
Fujiwara-san I don't understand this part

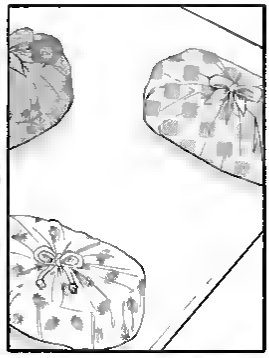

AH?! YE-YES?!
Gimme half of those
Fuji-wara-san thank you!
I'll help you out
urrgh

ding dong

Heh
Heh, yep. I'll do that
Make sure you eat something
I was asked to do something
What are you doing for lunch?
Ah
KURA-SHIKI-SAN!!
Ku
RUSTLE
I'll eat by myself then, as usual
Maybe I should go to the roof
What what do you want?!
I.. I bet this is because I've been hanging out with Fujiwara
Are they here to take me down a notch?!
?!

Tha-
Thank you for your help during cooking practice today!!
...?!!
Wou-
Would you like to eat lunch together?!!
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
Huh?





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Ku-Kurashiki-san did you want to eat by yourself?
EH!
AH!
WAS I GLARING AT YOU?!

GLARE GLARE GLARE GLARE GLARE
She's totally glaring at us, doesn't she hate us?!
Hey is this going to be alright?!
WHISPER

I-I'm just nervous...
S-sorry...
It's the first time I'm eating lunch with someone like this, so...
I...I guess it'd be better if I left...
CLICK
W-
wait!!
We were kinda nervous, too...
PAT
Are you sure?
I guess we're the same
Let's eat together!

T...
Thank you...
BAT M
R-really?
Oh! Your lunch looks really cute!
If she suddenly behaves like that, it's bad for my heart!!

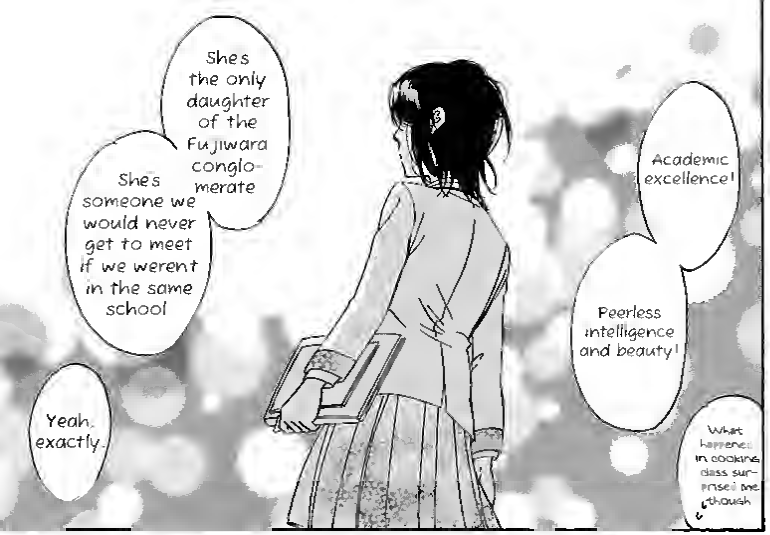
Kurashiki-sans hair is natural after all
One of her grand parents is foreign, right? She's kinda cool
She has a rough way of speaking but she's actually nice and reliable
And it's amazing when she smiles!
Yeah!
The air around her has really changed
Did you give her some kind of advice Fujiwara-san?

Oh come now
Hehe
I really didn't you know?
Oh speaking of her unexpected side!
...Oh, I didn't do anything
Did you know that Kurashiki-san draws manga?

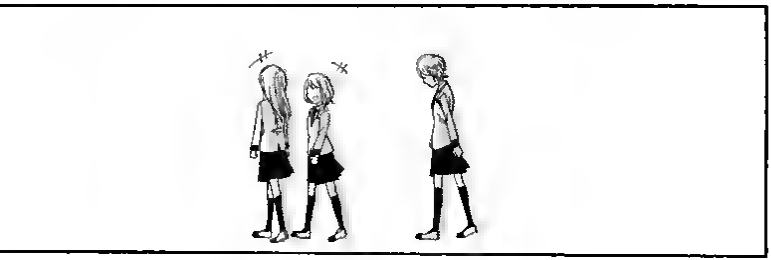
Have you seen it, Fujiwara-san?
Yes! I'm amazed! I want to see her work!!
You...
Who told you that?
...I see
We asked Kurashiki-san about her hobbies and she mentioned it

I wonder what kind of manga she draws
I wonder if she'll show us~

Wh-
Hey, you're good friends with Fujiwara-san, right?
Prep Room
Ahh, well...
Right...
thud
Where do you get that?
Haven't you all been hanging around with her much longer?
Is... is that so?
I mean, she's The Saint, isn't she?
Yeah no way
She's way too intimi-dating
I couldn't ever share my opinions or argue with her, you know...


She's the only daughter of the Fujiwara conglo-merate
She's someone we would never get to meet if we weren't in the same school
Yeah, exactly.
Academic excellence!
Peerless intelligence and beauty!
What happened in cooking class surprised me though

Does she really have that kind of position..?
We come from middle class families so we live in completely different worlds really
Even Tsubaki-san who often chats with her is the daughter of a CEO.



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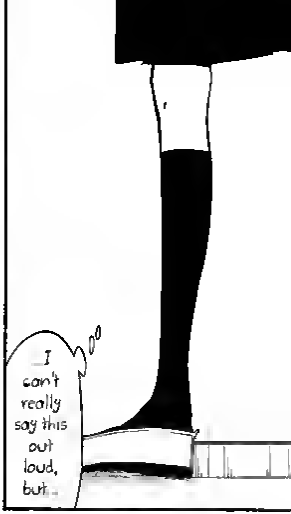
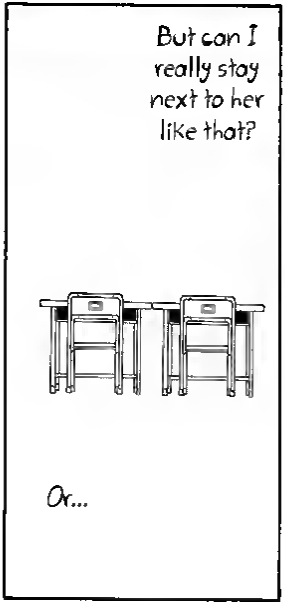
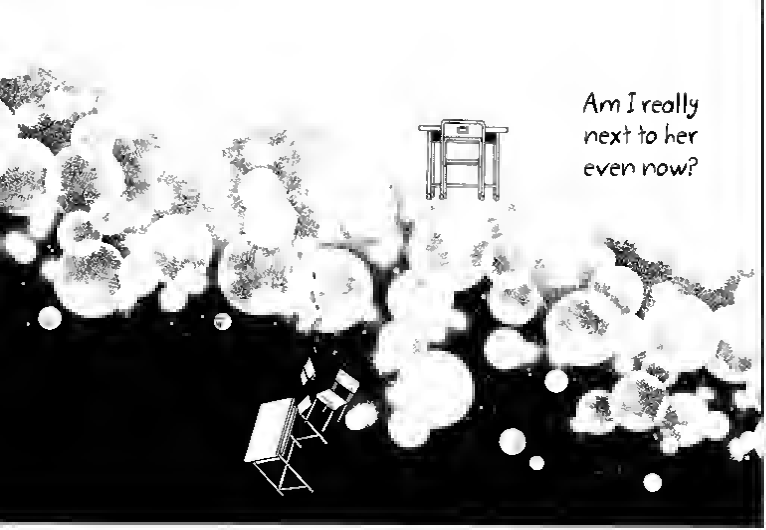
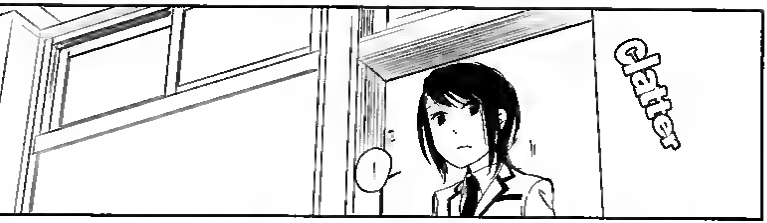

...I can't really say this out loud, but...

and the way she sees me for who I really am,


But can I really stay next to her like that?
Or...

made me incredibly happy


Am I really next to her even now?


clatter

Oh, you are still here?
yeah.

You've started getting along with the rest of the class
So my plan was a good one wasn't it?
Yeah
ZIP
And you'll be alright without me from now on

Why would she...
say that...
I just noticed something
that I didn't want to notice.

There's an invisible wall between us

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